

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to honor the City of Laredo and its representatives and to recognize January 30, 2013, as Laredo Legislative Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Laredo, truly a gem along the Rio Grande, was established in 1755 by Don Tomas Sanchez, and its history offers a compelling tale, as the town was forged by Spaniards, Indians, Mexicans, Texans, and Americans; a dynamic bilingual and bicultural community, this Texas city is proud of its Mexican roots; a unique city under seven flags, Laredo celebrates its dual historical and cultural ties throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Situated on the banks of the Rio Grande, Laredo is now the 10th-largest city in Texas and the largest inland port on the southern United States border; it is one of the top four ports of commerce in the nation, and in 2010, the city handled 40 percent of all overland trade between the United States and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Education plays a vital role in the life of Laredo, with three institutes of higher learning that have almost 110 years of combined experience; Laredo Community College, first established in 1947 on the 100-year-old grounds of the historic Fort McIntosh, boasts two campuses to better serve the entire city; Texas A&M International University has been educating local Laredo leaders for the past 40 years, and the new University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Laredo Extension Campus thrives with students and has entered into new interlocal agreements that give medical students practical experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend best wishes for a celebratory Laredo Legislative Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the citizens of Laredo as a memento of this occasion.

Zaffirini

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 30, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate